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Practitioner's Docket No. U 013111-0**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application of **Johannes Alphonsus HEGELSON**Serial No.: **09/719,620**Group No.: **3761**Filed: **December 14, 2000**Examiner: **Glenn K. Dawson**For: **ASSEMBLY FOR FIXING A TUBE FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES TO A PATIENT'S MOUTH****Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

P A T E N T

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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2. Applicant is

- a small entity. A statement:
 - is attached.
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EXTENSION OF TERM

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NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 720.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of
\$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now
requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this is a
conditional petition being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has
inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)					
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Present Extra Rate		Addit. Fee		OR	
Total	*	Minus	**	=	x \$ 9=	\$		x \$ 18=	\$
Indep.	*	Minus	***	=	x \$ 42=	\$		x \$ 84=	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+ \$140=	\$		+ \$280=	\$
					Total Addit. Fee	\$ _____	OR	Total Addit. Fee	\$ _____

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3.
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WARNING: *"After final rejection or action (§ 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. 1.116(a) (emphasis added).*

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____.

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5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.
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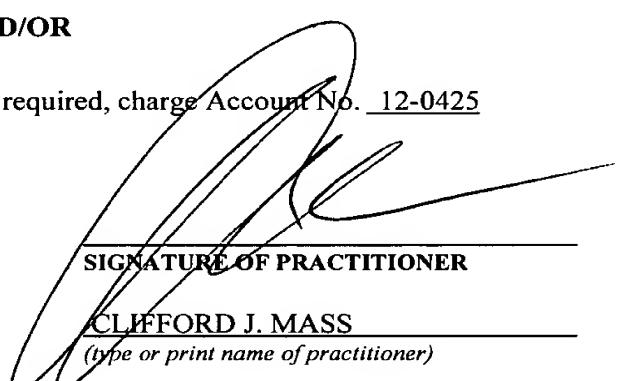
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6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 12-0425.

AND/OR

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

The Official Communication of November 5, 2002 indicates that the response filed on August 2, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because page 8 of the response was missing. The undersigned apologizes for this oversight and submits herewith a complete copy of the response filed August 2, 2002, including page 8.

An early and favorable reconsideration of the application is again respectfully requested.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action of March 29, 2002 please amend the
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 28-54

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 55. (new) An assembly for fixing a tube to a patient's mouth for medical purposes, the assembly comprising tube clamping means for detachably clamping the tube with the tube fixed to the patient's head, the tube clamping means comprising (a) first positioning means for positioning the tube, (b) a first tube clamping member, (c)

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